



# **West Virginia Coal Miners Assistance Program**

*State and federal resources for miners  
seeking employment and benefit assistance*

**Congressman Evan Jenkins**  
*Third Congressional District of West Virginia*

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4803**

Dear West Virginian,

Each and every day, I am fighting for our hardworking coal miners and their families. Tragically, however, the war on coal has been devastating to our state, causing coal-fired power plants to close and coal mines to be idled, putting thousands of our coal miners out of work.

I extend my deepest sympathies to our hardworking coal miners and their families, who, for no fault of their own, have been laid off or terminated. Losing one's job and not knowing what steps to take next can be stressful, but my offices are here to help in any way that I can.

Please use this packet as a tool to get help finding a new job and receiving any benefits for which you may qualify, such as unemployment, disability or Black Lung Benefits. I hope the information in this packet will be a useful resource for you as you search for employment. You and your family already have enough concerns; you should not have to spend hours searching for resources and contacts available to assist you.

Coal mining is a proud tradition in our state, and I am proud to stand up for West Virginia energy and West Virginia workers as a member of Congress. The people of West Virginia elected me for a purpose – to create and protect West Virginia jobs, to grow our economy, and ensure a better future for our children and grandchildren. As your representative in Congress, I will continue fighting for you and your family in Washington.

In the next few pages, you will find contact information for my offices, as well as information on state and federal resources. If I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact one of my three offices. I hope this document will be useful to you in your search, and I wish you the very best.

Sincerely,



Evan Jenkins  
Member of Congress

## ***THE WEST VIRGINIA COAL MINERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM***

This packet has information to assist you with many important resources you may need during this difficult time. There is contact information for our offices, contact information for local employment offices, and contact information for Black Lung Benefits and Social Security offices.

In the **How I Can Help You** section, you will find contact information for my offices in West Virginia and Washington. My offices can help you with any questions you may have about contacting agencies to help you find employment or securing unemployment benefits.

In the **State and Federal Resources for Job Seekers** section, you will find contact for local West Virginia agencies that can help you, including local WorkForce West Virginia offices throughout southern West Virginia. These offices can help you with both unemployment benefits and finding new employment. Information on Black Lung Benefits and federal disability programs is also included in this section.

### ***HOW I CAN HELP YOU***

#### **Congressman Jenkins Office Information**

My offices can help you with state and federal agencies and can be used as a resource after you have contacted the related agency or filed any necessary paperwork. Please feel free to contact us at any time to answer questions or identify the correct people to contact for your issue.

The last page of this packet is my office's privacy release form. Under the terms of the Privacy Act of 1974, a federal agency is not authorized to release any information about an individual to any other person without the express written consent of the individual. Therefore, please complete this form and return it to one of my offices listed below so I may make inquiries to federal agencies on your behalf.

#### **Huntington Office Contact Information**

Teri Booth  
845 Fifth Ave. Suite 152  
Huntington, WV 25701  
Phone: (304) 522-2201  
Fax: (304) 529-5716  
[Teri.Booth@mail.house.gov](mailto:Teri.Booth@mail.house.gov)

#### **Beckley Office Contact Information**

Kim McMillion  
223 Prince St.  
Beckley, WV 25801  
Phone: (304) 250-6177  
Fax: (304) 250-6179  
[Kim.McMillion@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kim.McMillion@mail.house.gov)



## ***STATE AND FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR JOB SEEKERS***

WorkForce West Virginia, a service provided by the West Virginia Department of Commerce, assists West Virginians in finding employment, obtaining unemployment benefits, and connecting employers and job searchers. WorkForce West Virginia also has specific programs for coal miners who have been laid off.

### **Beckley**

200 New River Town Center  
Beckley, WV 25801  
Job Seekers: (304) 256-6792  
Unemployment: (304) 256-6796

### **Charleston**

1321 Plaza East  
Charleston, WV 25325  
Job Seekers: (304) 558-0342  
Unemployment: (304) 558-0292

### **Huntington**

2699 Park Ave. Suite 240  
Huntington, WV 25704  
Job Seekers: (304) 528-5525  
Unemployment: (304) 528-5538

### **Logan**

130 Stratton St.  
Logan, WV 25601  
Job Seekers: (304) 792-7010  
Unemployment: (304) 792-7020

### **Point Pleasant**

404 Main St.  
Point Pleasant, WV 25550  
Job Seekers: (304) 675-0857  
Unemployment: (304) 675-0857

### **Princeton**

195 Davis St. Suite 102  
Princeton, WV 24740  
Job Seekers: (304) 487-2248  
Unemployment: (304) 425-1896

### **Ronceverte**

20 Red Oaks Shopping Center  
Ronceverte, WV 24970  
Job Seekers: (304) 647-7410  
Unemployment: (304) 647-7410

### **Summersville**

830 Northside Dr. Suite 123  
Summersville, WV 26651  
Job Seekers: (304) 872-0820  
Unemployment: (304) 872-0821

### **Teays Valley**

19 Putnam Village Shopping Center  
Teays, WV 25569  
Job Seekers: (304) 757-7270

### **Welch**

110 Park Ave. Suite 100  
Welch, WV 24801  
Job Seekers: (304) 436-3131  
Unemployment: (304) 436-2527

### **WorkForce West Virginia Main Phone Number:**

1-800-252-JOBS (5627) or unemployment benefits file by phone: 1-800-379-1032

### **Online Filing for Unemployment Benefits:**

[http://www.wvcommerce.org/business/workforcewv/unemployment\\_compensation/claimants/default.aspx](http://www.wvcommerce.org/business/workforcewv/unemployment_compensation/claimants/default.aspx)

### **Website for WorkForce West Virginia Job Seekers:**

[http://www.wvcommerce.org/business/workforcewv/job\\_seekers/find-a-job.aspx](http://www.wvcommerce.org/business/workforcewv/job_seekers/find-a-job.aspx)

### **Federal Black Lung Benefits Contact Information**

Filing for Black Lung Benefits can be a complicated process, and my offices stand ready to help. The U.S. Labor Department is the best place to start to find information on Black Lung Benefits, and the application form can be found on the department's website.

#### **Local Black Lung Contact**

##### **Charleston**

U.S. Department of Labor  
OWCP/DCMWC  
Charleston Federal Center - Suite 110  
500 Quarrier St.  
Charleston, WV 25301  
Phone: (304) 347-7100  
Toll-Free (800) 347-3749

##### **Parkersburg**

U.S. Department of Labor  
OWCP/DCMWC, Suite 3116  
425 Juliana St.  
Parkersburg, WV 26101  
Phone: (304) 420-6385  
Toll-Free: (800) 347-3751

##### **Website for Black Lung Forms:**

<http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dcmwc/regs/compliance/blforms.htm>

##### **Website for Black Lung Information:**

<http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dcmwc/regs/compliance/blbenact.htm>

### **Social Security Disability**

If you are disabled from your job or have questions about disability, please use the information below. Social Security offices have information on various programs, including Black Lung Benefits, and can assist you with the application process.

#### **Local Social Security Offices**

##### **Beckley Social Security Office**

5475 Robert C. Byrd Dr. Suite A-8  
Mount Hope, WV 25880  
Phone: (800) 772-1213

##### **Huntington Social Security Office**

301 9th St.  
Huntington, WV 25701  
Phone: (800) 772-1213

##### **Bluefield Social Security Office**

3014 E Cumberland Rd.  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
Phone: (800) 772-1213

##### **Logan Social Security Office**

1103 George Kostas Dr.  
Logan, WV 25601  
Phone: (800) 772-1213

**Website for Social Security Disability:** <https://secure.ssa.gov/iClaim/dib>

##### **Website for Social Security Disability Eligibility:**

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/hlp/radr/10/ovw001-checklist.pdf>

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**PRIVACY RELEASE FORM**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This will authorize the release to Rep. Evan Jenkins, of any relevant information concerning my application for \_\_\_\_\_  
Currently pending before the \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address/Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security or Claim Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form to:

\_\_\_ HUNTINGTON: 845 Fifth Avenue, Suite 152, Huntington, WV 25701 (fax: 304-529-5716)

\_\_\_ BECKLEY: 223 Prince Street, Beckley, WV 25801 (fax: 304-250-6179)